

HISTORIC ENGINEERING MARKER
HONEYSUCKLE POINT RAILWAY
WORKSHOPS
Plaquing Ceremony Report



Tuesday, 1 October 1996 - 6.30pm
Locomotive Boiler Shop
Honeysuckle Civic Heritage Precinct
cnr Merewether Street and Wharf Road
NEWCASTLE NSW

1 INTRODUCTION

The Historic Engineering Marker at the Honeysuckle Point Railway Workshops (also known as the Civic Workshops), Newcastle NSW, was unveiled during the First International Engineering Heritage Conference held in Newcastle from Monday 30 September to Wednesday 2 October, 1996.

2 THE PLAQUING

The plaquing ceremony was organized as a “focus” to the Engineering Heritage Conference and to give the opportunity of highlighting the engineering heritage values of the former railway workshops at Honeysuckle Point: as well as “showing off” to the international delegates to the conference it was considered important to make state and local politicians aware of the uniqueness of the heritage at the site in order to strengthen the will to properly conserve the site and its works.

3 SPONSORS

The site is “owned” by the Honeysuckle Development Corporation, a state government body charged with redeveloping redundant government, and particularly railway, property along the foreshore of Newcastle Harbour. The Honeysuckle Development Corporation was pleased to support the nomination and hosted the reception at the ceremony. The plaque is dedicated by the Corporation and the Institution.

4 GUESTS AT CEREMONY

The following people took an official part in the ceremony:

Mr Bryce Gaudry MP, State Member for Newcastle

Mr David Le Marchant, Chairman Honeysuckle Development Corporation

Mr Ian Pedersen, Vice President Institution of Engineers

Mr Paul Hagenbach, Chairman National Committee on Engineering Heritage, IEAust

Dr John Turner, Newcastle Historian

Conference delegates, local government representatives and Institution and HDC staff were also present.

5 LOCATION

The ceremony was held in the Locomotive Boiler Shop beneath the recently conserved 1885 Craven Crane.

6 MOUNTING OF PLAQUE

The plaque was officially unveiled whilst mounted on a temporary timber stand. It was finally mounted as shown on the front cover of this report and in further photographs appended, in late 2000.

7 ATTACHMENTS

Attached are:

- copy of ceremony programme (original in main report, photocopies in remainder)
- photographs taken at ceremony
- further photographs of mounted plaque

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Engineering Heritage Branch, Newcastle Division
January 2001

Ceremony Programme

Photographs



Photo 1: Messrs David Le Marchant, Ian Pedersen, Bryce Gaudry MP and Paul Hagenbach

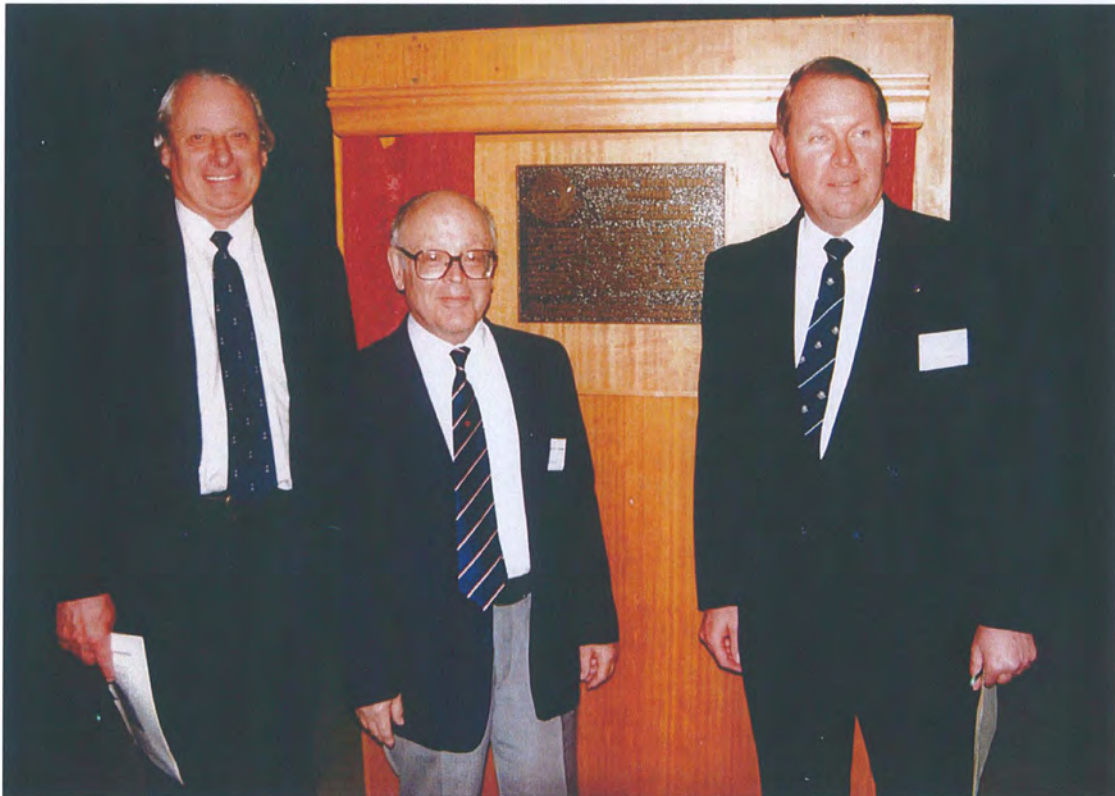


Photo 2: Paul Hagenbach, Chairman NCEH, Dr Emory Kemp, IEAust Eminent Guest Speaker from USA and Bill Jordan, Deputy Chairman, NCEH